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WVCPD Arrests Suspect in Auto-Ped Hit and Run

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On November 11, at approximately 7:30 pm, 21 year old Justin Manual Armendariz was riding his skateboard north on 4000 West at 4215 South when was hit by a car traveling northbound at approximately 55 miles per hour. The impact carried the victim about 180 feet down the roadway. The driver of the vehicle left the scene. The same vehicle had been involved in a hit and run collision with another vehicle at 4561 South 4000 West shortly before the auto-pedestrian accident. Patrol officers worked rapidly to gather witness information and a short time later, they located the suspect vehicle parked several blocks away. Through subsequent investigation, detectives identified Joseph Crecencio Granados 09-23-82 as a person of interest in this case.

Further investigation uncovered evidence indicating Granados was driving the vehicle that hit Armendariz. On November 21, at approximately 2:30pm, Granados was arrested by West Valley Police without incident at his home in Kearns and booked into Salt Lake County Jail on charges of felony 3 hit and run, felony 3 DUI, reckless driving as well as other miscellaneous traffic offenses.

The victim in this case suffered serious bodily injury including leg and head injuries. He remains in a medically induced coma and is listed in critical, but stable condition.

Sgt. Jason Hauer will be available for on-camera interview at 5:30pm at the intersection of 4865 s 4135 w.

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